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1 GLENN CARROLL: Hi, my name is Glenn Carroll. Glenn, like Glenn Close, Carroll C-a-r-r-o-l-l. I'm with Georgians Against Nuclear Energy. Why am I all the way in Nevada to comment on the EIS? Because even after we turned out, we have commented on every Draft EIS in Atlanta, Georgia, they didn't come back with this radically changed design to find out what our follow-up comments might be.

Why would Georgia be affected by this? Well, Atlanta, Georgia was founded as a crossroads of rail and highways. We have about 30 percent of the nation's high level nuclear waste would be scheduled to come through Atlanta, Georgia, and we look a little like Las Vegas, you know, the highways and confusion. So we think we should have had more hearings.

2 The major, the most obvious major change, and what blows my mind is we've been at this like going on 20 years. We've been really doing it, digging holes in the ground and stuff for ten years. Woops, we're going to have to handle some fuel on top of the mountain? Like what, we didn't know this?

You know, I got to say, we've got seven billion in this and we're making it up as we go along. It's shameful. I am embarrassed for our country, and it's not the DOE's fault. We got politicians and contractors behind this. DOE's doing what they're told to do.

3 So now we're talking about younger, hotter fuel. Now, I mean, do we know what we're doing? All of a sudden we've got a different fuel configuration we're dealing with. This affects transportation. We've got hotter fuel on the highways. We've got more radiation exposure all along the way to the workers on both ends to everybody. What are they saying, like 50 million people live within half a mile of the transportation route.

4 The blending thing blows my mind. We have a DOE facility near us called the Savannah River Site which rivals Hanford in Washington as the most contaminated place on earth.

And this blending thing, you know, DOE is not famous for its accounting ability. And so they could screw up. They think they got a cool thing and a hot thing, but they got two hot things and you've got a criticality. It's risky.

5 So some of the issues that are really obviously, I'm an artist. GANE is an all volunteer group. We can figure this out. And yet somehow or another, you know, all this money and all this expertise, many of our questions were answered tonight by the experts. Some unidentified experts said it was okay. Oops, but we forgot, we're going to need four fuel pools the size of this room and a handling facility. But we're experts, so don't worry.

- 6 [We got water. You knew this for ten years. We got water in that mountain. It's the serpents swimming westward. It's the source of water for the Shoshone Nation and always has been. Is it coming up? Yes. Is it coming down? Yes. Let's see, we've got a volcano. We've got earthquakes. We know this. We're artists and musicians and carpenters and volunteers in Georgia.]
- 7 [In Georgia the major issue we've been facing lately is a plan to make fuel from plutonium at the Savannah River Site, and we're opposed to it. Well, there's money. The money is buying a lot of people. Anyway, the activists are opposed to this. Well, Mox fuel is a lot hotter. It has plutonium in it. It's a lot hotter. The EIS has not addressed this at all. It is going to take more space in the dump. It is going to take more cooling time, and it's going to increase the possibility of criticality accidents, so this is a deficiency of the EIS that it has not been looked at.]
- 8 [I'm going to step out here. The community I work within is not in agreement on this, but the answer to Yucca Mountain is that we keep this waste where we made it. And so I want to say to the good people of Nevada that there is growing understanding that the ethics require that we must deal with our waste and not dump it in a nonnuclear state.]
- 9 So in closing [I have to say that no matter how many times you go back and look at it, and I heard an analogy today that when you keep doing the same thing expecting a different result they call that crazy. Well, no matter how many times you close your eyes and open them and look at it again, it's still going to be in an active geologic area. It's still going to be wet, and it's still going to be on Shoshone land.]

Thank you.